

**Confirmation No. 5255 PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ove Kornelius GUTTORMSEN

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Filing Date : September 26, 2006 Examiner: Nahid Amiri

Title : **DEVICE FOR CONNECTING  
STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS**

Entity Status : Small Entity

Our Docket : RR-630 PCT/US (PE39619US01)

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the March 13, 2009 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, which has a response deadline of April 13, 2009.

The reasons for non-compliance are:

- 1) the improper use of double brackets and strikethroughs for deleted text in the amended claims of the April 21, 2008 Amendment.

In accordance with Examiner's requirements in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment applicant is resubmitting the April 21, 2008 Amendment in compliant form, using strikethrough without brackets or brackets without strikethrough to indicate deleted text.

Please note that the time extension fee for the April 21, 2008 Amendment was previously paid.

It is applicant's understanding that no further time extension fees are required for resubmission of the April 21, 2008 Amendment in compliant form in response to the March 13, 2009 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2008.

Applicant petitions for a one month time extension from March 19, 2008 to April 21, 2008 to submit this Amendment, since April 19, 2008 is a Saturday.

A Credit Card Payment authorization is provided with this Amendment for the one month time extension fee of \$60 (small entity).

Please charge any additional fees in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

The claims pending in this application and any amendments to such claims are indicated in the following section entitled *Current Status of Claims*. *Amendments to the Specification* are indicated after the *Current Status of Claims*. A *Replacement Sheet* for Fig 3d of the drawings is attached.